

The Annual Report
OF THE TOWN OF
ALTON
New Hampshire

For the Fiscal Year Ending February 15,
1913

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, CLERK
and SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

TOWN of ALTON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1913

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FARMINGTON, N. H.
1913

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

FRANK M AYER JOHN W PROCTOR
CHARLES H McDUFFEE

Town Clerk

FRANK L EMERSON

Treasurer

HERBERT J JONES

Collector

OSCAR E DAVIS

Auditors

HERBERT E MORRELL WILLIAM P PEABODY

Supervisors

GEORGE W PLACE ARTHUR D ROLLINS
HARRY MORRISON

School Board

ARTHUR D ROLLINS ALTA H McDUFFEE
DR FRANK W McLAUGHLIN

Fire Wards

GEORGE W PLACE ALONZO B LANG
CHARLES H DOWNING

Board of Health

CHARLES E FIFIELD CHARLES E HUTCHINS
DR FRANK W McLAUGHLIN

Police

PHILIP L DREW

Constable

GEORGE W PLACE

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF ALTON.

Real estate, number of acres 35,605, value		\$1,032,409 00
Personal estate, including polls		290,017 00
Total value,		<hr/> \$1,322,426 00
Polls,	355	\$100 00
Horses,	314	94 81
Oxen,	56	56 87
Cows,	460	32 68
Neat,	128	20 64
Sheep,	63	4 42
Hogs,	49	7 34
Fowls,	969	63
Carriages, including Automobiles,		9,450 00
Stock in public funds,		30,470 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,		1,700 00
Stock in trade,		66,620 00
Aqueduct,		20,000 00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,		31,905 00
Portable mills,		2,600 00
Wood, lumber, etc., not stock in trade,		6,125 00
Mills and machinery,		12,100 00
Power boats,		<hr/> 21,655 00
Total,		\$290,017 00
Total amount of town taxes,		\$19,836 39
“ “ precinct “		881 10
		<hr/> \$20,717 49

State tax,	\$2,512 00
County "	1,858 43
School "	5,780 00
Fireman "	105 00
Library "	304 50
Highway tax,	6,406 06
Town "	2,300 00
Moth "	200 00
Percentage,	370 40
Electric light precinct tax,	881 10

\$20,717 49

Tax on poll \$1 50 and 0.21

RECEIPTS

Amount of town and precinct taxes		
charged to collector	\$20,717 49	
Amount of Camp Ground moth tax .	86 13	\$20,803 62
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1912 . . .	2,347 98	
Received of State License Com. 1911	35 92	
" " " 1912	204 70	
Forest fire Com. 1911	492 04	
Automobile licenses, State		
1912	52 30	
Hall rent	55 00	
"	40 00	
"	50 00	
"	40 00	
Forest fire Com. 1912	308 19	
Hall rent	40 00	
O W Bowman, tax 1911	17 39	
Herbert S Emerson, taxes		
1903-6-7-9-11	84 00	

Received of A S French estate, ceme-

tery funds	150 00	
State highway department		
joint fund	258 00	
Insurance tax	3 75	
Railroad tax	2,832 37	
Savings bank tax	1,518 05	
Literary fund	135 32	
Proportion school fund .	333 34	
Highway department bal.		
joint fund	208 95	
Belknap county	170 49	
Hall rent	57 00	
O E Davis, taxes	8 12	
J H Downing Est,cemetery		
fund	100 00	
Fred Nutter, license . . .	16 00	
H J Jones,school insurance	950 00	
Frank L Emerson,dog money	310 60	
Total		\$31,623 13

EXPENDITURES

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Paid Charles S Lovett, moth work	\$ 61 50
Herbert E Morrell, school money	400 00
Raymond Duncan, repairs	5 60
Herbert E Morrell, school money	300 00
“ “ “ “	200 00
Farmington News, reports and ballots . . .	56 30
Edson C Eastman, books	16 53
Willie E Rines, road work	15 20
Herbert E Morrell, school money	500 00

Paid R B Yeaton, sawing wood	1 75
C H Davis, highway money	200 00
Herbert E Morrell, school money	300 00
“ “ “ “	300 00
Oscar E Davis, memorial money	50 00
Herbert E Morrell, school money	800 00
D E Clough, work and supplies	13 68
“ “ janitor	30 00
Ralph R Russell, moth work	6 00
H A Garland, winter work	8 10
C H Davis, highway money	200 00
Harry Gaskell, moth work	3 63
Walter Goodwin, highway work	12 00
Good Roads Machine Co, machine parts	29 09
C H Davis, highway money	200 00
Gibert & Barker Mfg Co, gasoline and freight	29 93
Joseph A Mooney, library	150 00
F M Ayer, selectman, forest fire pay roll	966 28
Annie A Wheeler, librarian	12 50
Selectmen, state road pay roll No 1	98 20
Herbert E Morrell, school money	300 00
Selectmen, state road pay roll No 2	190 90
Herbert E Morrell, school money	400 00
Selectmen, state road pay roll No 3	307 50
“ “ “ “ “ No 4	278 40
D E Clough, janitor	30 00
Selectmen, state road pay roll No 5	369 00
Fruit fair committee	100 00
Market Supply Co, road stakes	3 00
Selectmen, state road pay roll No 6	142 70
Herbert E Morrell, school money	400 00
“ “ “ “	200 00

Paid Joseph A Mooney, library money	122 00
Selectmen, state road pay roll No 7	404 20
Rockwell Clough Co, use of roller 1910-11-12	37 50
Herbert E Morrell, school money	200 00
Annie A Wheeler, librarian	12 50
Herbert E Morrell, school money	500 00
J H Downing Co, supplies	20 51
Alton and Alton Bay Water Co, hydrants	500 00
Oscar Duncan, blacksmith work and lights	106 90
Herbert E Morrell, school money	400 00
Gilbert & Barker Mfg Co, gasoline and freight	60 59
Good Roads Machinery Co, supplies and freight	33 88
Wm Heighton & Sons Co, register and freight	7 75
G W Place, bridge plank	199 04
“ “ coal for hall	50 16
Harold Dicey, watering tub 1911-1912	6 00
Herbert E Morrell, school money	200 00
H L Barr, repairs town hall	1 25
Fred Leach, repairs hose house No 2	2 50
Edwin Kenney, watering tub 1911 and 1912	6 00
“ “ dog damage	2 00
E R Wright, M D, return of births and deaths	1 75
Gilbert & Barker Mfg Co, gasoline and freight	30 83
Geo H Fifield,	58 00
D E Clough, work and supplies	16 50
Herbert E Morrell, school money	400 00
“ “ “ “	500 00
“ “ “ “	300 00
Annie A Wheeler, librarian	12 50
Paul E Buckley, labor	4 90
D E Clough, janitor and police	35 00
O F Bennett, labor and supplies, hall	4 00

Paid F W McLaughlin, births and deaths . . .	5 75
E W Ricker, return of marriages	50
Albert D Clough, sheep damage	28 50
Herbert E Morrell, supplies	2 72
John W Proctor, sheep damage	8 84
Fifield House, meals for town meetings . .	7 00
Anna M Wright, balance on Palmer fund .	3 45
Harry Morrison, watering tub 1912	3 00
Union Telephone Co,	20 72
Herbert E Morrell, school money	350 96
W P Emerson estate, supplies	1 68
H P Horne, clerk Hose Company No 1 . .	90 75
Boston & Maine R R, wharf rental	1 00
C H Downing, acting clerk Hose Co, No 2	52 13
Jones and Lamprey, supplies	5 16
C E Hutchins, "	3 31
Philip L Drew, tramps	6 50
G W Place, "	69 00
" " wood	26 25
" " drawing sawdust	3 00
J Jones & Son, supplies	90 91
H J Jones, insurance	100 00
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co, bal on hydrants	299 00
H L Barr, printing sign boards	23 75
Frank Estes, fighting brush fires	9 50
Carroll Shannon, damage to horse	100 00
Herbert E Morrell, school insurance money	950 00
Waldo C Varney, court expense	18 00
J A Pogue, return of marriages	1 00
C H McDuffee, expenses	8 16
F M Ayer, expense and supplies	24 10
" " recording inventory	20 00

Paid F M Ayer, recording valuation book	20 00
“ “ care order book	5 00
“ “ renting hall	5 00
J W Proctor, expenses	25 80
H J Jones, Precinct tax less 1 68 abate . .	879 42
Total	\$ 15,193 91

TOWN OFFICERS

Paid Charles E Fifield, probation officer . . .	15 00
“ “ board of health	5 00
“ “ tree warden	5 00
F W McLaughlin, M D, board of health . .	5 00
Herbert E Morrell, town clerk	3 50
“ “ ballot inspector Sept., 1912 . . .	2 00
Ai T Gilman, supervisor	24 00
Alonzo B Lang, fire ward	5 00
C H W Jones, highway committee	5 00
Oscar E Davis, collector	250 00
“ “ ballot inspector Sept. and Nov., 1912	4 00
Charles E Fifield, highway committee . . .	5 00
C H Davis, “ “	5 00
C H Downing, fire ward 1911-1912	10 00
C E Hutchins, board of health	5 00
Raymond C Duncan, ballot inspector Sept. and Nov., 1912	4 00
Arthur D Rollins, supervisor	24 00
Philip L Drew, police and expense	33 39
G W Place, supervisor	24 00
“ “ constable	25 00
“ “ fire warden	10 00

Paid W P Emerson estate, ballot inspector Mar., '12	2 00
Oe Varney, ballot inspector, Sept. and Nov., '12	4 00
Waldo C Varney, ballot inspector March and Nov. 1912	4 00
Frank L Emerson, town clerk	65 99
“ “ ballot inspector March '12	2 00
C H McDuffee, selectman	193 50
“ “ moderator Mar., Sept. Nov., '12	6 00
W P Peabody, selectman	4 00
“ “ auditor	2 00
H E Morrell, auditor	2 00
H J Jones, treasurer	50 00
F M Ayer, selectman	236 50
“ “ overseer of poor	15 00
J W Proctor, selectman	201 00
Total	\$ 1,306 88

PAUPERS

Paid W P Emerson estate, aid to Chapman family, county	\$ 10 19
John C Young, aid to Leroy Chandler, county	22 32
D J Ellison, “ “ Edward Helverson, county	6 14
Total	\$ 38 65

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES

Paid J Jones & Son, county	\$ 91 09
F M Ayer & Co, “	6 75
Albert Ellis, “	34 00
Total	\$ 131 84

WINTER WORK ON HIGHWAY 1911-1912

Paid Charles E Fifield	\$ 7 55
C P Barr	11 95
E Churchill	3 00
George E Fifield	6 50
Willie M Stevens	26 20
Frank J Stevens	4 05
Forest Nutter	3 10
Alonzo B Lang	4 20
George Rollins	7 40
Frank Smith	2 00
Charles Drew	7 04
Luther Kimball	11 00
Frank Hurd	3 90
James B Woodman	27 90
Dana Bradley	5 00
John McPhee	5 40
J W Goodell (heirs)	50
Dr R W Price	2 00
John C Young	3 00
Albert Ellis	1 25
Calvin S Glidden	57 65
S H Glidden	23 00
Ai T Gilman	25 10
W E Young	10 30
Charles Amazeen	24 00
Fred S Gilman	60 00
F I Woodman	15 00
C H Clough	9 00
M R Place	3 00
Sewall E Roberts	28 25
Stephen Shagnon	1 70

Paid Percy H Walker	12 35
Julian Emerson	9 12
Edwin O Prescott	9 12
Frank H Carpenter	62 80
Stephen Shagnon	25 00
Leon O Davis	9 10
George W Horne	96
Walter D Page	11 65
Velzora A Dealand	19 85
W H Berry	1 00
Sylvester B Huckins	11 55
Clarendon I Chamberlain	11 10
John F Hanson	9 00
Lester A Young	20 80
Harry Morrison	18 00
George Morrison	11 25
Seth Kimball	14 00
Ralph Kimball	8 60
Wm Shaw	8 00
Fred Howard	2 80
Frank Howard	11 50
B F Gleason	4 00
J A Mooney	6 00
I B Bennett	8 50
Ernest A Hurd	21 50
Nathaniel Phillips	5 00
Harris A Emerson	5 60
Walter Woodman	2 90
Fred Pinkham	9 90
Willis E Glidden	19 15
Amanda Willard	5 80
A D Morse	41 53

Paid George Lamper	2 00
C A W Jones	22 58
Fred Glidden	20 20
Smith Willard	2 40
E G Ellis	21 20
E W Ellis	3 10
David Lamper	8 10
Orin Lamper	8 00
Lizzie Ellis	16 13
Andrew J Gilman	10 00
Forest H Rollins	15 00
Frank I Allen	9 00
Arthur L Gilman 2nd	2 50
John H Johnson	2 20
Harrison B Ricker	33 80
C H Flanders	30 10
Frank B Grant	3 00
Georgia Morrell	16 20
A E Lamprey	4 40
Albert D Clough	11 60
George W Place	48 60
H F Gilman	19 50
Alvin H Dore	3 00
G W Leavitt	9 50
Will E Sanborn	9 50
C Y Thyng	3 00
George N Rines	31 20
Charles W Whitehouse	60
Edward S Walker	1 00
Hervey G Hayes	14 10
William B Selon	15 60
Irad B Gilman	6 12

Paid John Weeks	4 40
C D Marston	13 30
Joseph Henry	8 60
Seth E Rollins	4 30
Calvin Rollins	9 00
A D Rollins	4 80
S E Grant	9 00
W E Hatch	1 85
E S Batchelder	2 30
R A Frohock	61 10
Stephen Barnes	5 00
John Calley	8 00
H E Hayes	5 70
Clara Gilman	2 80
George E Nute	3 00
John H McDuffee	4 50
John Q Adams	1 20
C M Dore	4 00
George S Chamberlin	3 00
O W Bowman	3 50
Wm. A Varney	5 00
S P Barnes	12 35
A E Barnes	7 30
Albert D Varney	10 40
John R Tufts	4 40
C E Hodgdon	2 40
S P Barnes	1 60
A E Barnes	4 50
W Allen Varney	1 00
O D Glidden	4 50
Lewis A Proctor	22 00
E K Jenkins	5 20

Paid E P Seward	2 40
Walter Goodwin	3 80
David Flemming	2 40
Chas H Tibbetts	5 00
George W Place	10 00
H F Gilman	12 50
G W Leavitt	10 00
J L Rollins	5 50
Ira W Mitchell	5 00
Total	<u>\$ 1,517 02</u>

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1912	\$2,347 98	
Total receipts during the year	<u>29,275 15</u>	
Total		\$31,623 13

DISBURSEMENTS

Total disbursements during year	\$26,376 93	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1913	<u>5,246 20</u>	
Total		\$31,623 13
Assets Feb, 15, 1912	\$3,251 69	
Liabilities Feb. 15, 1912	<u>2,463 55</u>	
Net assets		\$788 14
Assets Feb. 15, 1913	\$5,384 40	
Liabilities Feb. 15, 1913	<u>2,839 92</u>	
Net assets		\$2,544 48

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1912	\$ 2,347 98
Taxes received from collector	20,717 49
“ “ “ for moth work	86 13

Railroad tax	2,832 37	
Savings Bank tax	1,518 05	
Insurance “	3 75	
Literary fund	135 32	
Proportion of school fund	333 34	
Belknap county, for dependent soldiers and families	170 49	
Dog license	310 60	
Rent of town hall	282 00	
State highway department	466 95	
“ license commissioners	240 62	
Trust fund	250 00	
Insurance on schoolhouse	950 00	
Miscellaneous	978 04	
Total		\$31,623 13

DISBURSEMENTS

County paupers	\$38 65
“ dependent soldiers and families	131 84
Town officers	1,306 88
Highway winter work	1,517 20
“ summer	3,525 50
“ state	1,828 40
State tax	2,512 00
County “	1,858 43
Memorial appropriation	50 00
Fireman	105 00
Support of schools	6,950 96

Abatements 1912 taxes	57 92	
Forest fires	966 28	
Alton and Alton Bay Water Co	799 00	
Insurance on school house	950 00	
Miscellaneous	3,778 87	
Total		\$26,376 93
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1913		5,246 20
Total		\$31,623 13

ASSETS

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1913	\$5,246 20	
Due from taxes bought by town	121 45	
“ 1912 taxes bought by town	16 75	
Total		\$5,384 40

LIABILITIES

Trust funds	\$1,875 00	
Old cemetery appropriation	300 00	
1912 appropriation for lockup	650 00	
Balance on moth fund	14 92	
Total		\$2,839 92
Net Assets		\$2,544 48

TRUST FUNDS

Carrie B Nute, cemetery	\$150 00
Eveline L Palmer, library	500 00
Sarah J I Evans, cemetery	100 00
Betsey J Frohock, “	100 00
Emeline R Avery, “	500 00

George W Berry, cemetery	100 00	
Stephen C Wentworth, "	75 00	
Lydia A Runnells, "	100 00	
Alonzo S French, "	100 00	
Jonathan H Downing, "	100 00	
Total		\$1,825 00

DOG LICENSES

Cash received for dog licenses		\$310 60
Damage by dogs	39 34	
Expenses collecting	12 00	
Balance paid to school district treasurer	259 26	
Total		\$310 60

The foregoing report contains a synopsis of our financial transactions for the past official year, which we respectfully submit to the inhabitants of Alton. The selectmen have paid bounties on 198 hedgehogs, amounting to \$39.60 which has been reimbursed by the state treasurer.

FRANK M AYER	}	Selectmen
JOHN W PROCTOR	}	of
CHARLES H McDUFFEE)	Alton

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

HERBERT E MORRELL	}	Auditors.
W P FEABODY.	}	

Alton. N. H., February 15, 1913.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

1912	Balance in the treasury	\$2,347 98
Mch 21	Received of F M Ayer, forest fire	\$492 04
	" auto licenses	52 30
June 3	F L Emerson, dog "	150 00
July 1	" "	130 00
22	O E Davis, collector	300 00
31	License Com. bal, '11	35 92
	" " 1912	204 70
	F M Ayer, hall rent	55 00
Aug 10	O E Davis, collector	425 00
12	F M Ayer, hall rent	40 00
26	O E Davis, collector	800 00
28	F M Ayer, hall rent	50 00
Sept 7	" "	40 00
	O E Davis, collector	500 00
14	" "	225 00
21	" "	500 00
23	F M Ayer, forest fires	308 19
Oct 5	O E Davis, collector	275 00
19	" "	375 00
26	" "	375 00
	F M Ayer, hall rent	40 00
	" back taxes	84 00
Nov 2	O E Davis, collector	225 00
9	" "	625 00
16	" "	350 00

Nov 25	O E Davis, collector	400 00
29	" "	1800 00
30	" "	1100 00
Dec 2	" "	1225 00
3	F M Ayer, French fund	150 00
5	" state high- way fund	258 00
7	O E Davis, collector	2100 00
14	" "	1200 00
28	" "	800 00
	F M Ayer, ins tax	3 75
	" R R tax	2832 37
	" saving bank tax	1518 05
	" literary fund	135 32
	" school fund	333 34
Jan 8	O E Davis, collector	700 00
23	" "	300 00
13	" "	300 00
	F M Ayer, highway money	208 95
15	F L Emerson, bal of dog money	30 60
	F M Ayer, Belknap Co	170 49
	" hall rent	57 00
	" back taxes	17 39
	" " "	8 12
	" Downing cem- etery fund	100 00
	" Nutter license	16 00
	" ins money	950 00
	O E Davis, collector	596 51
Total cash received		\$26,316 02

CASH PAID OUT, AS PER ORDER

1912

Mch. 23	Paid Charles S Lovett	\$61 50
25	H E Morrell	400 00
	R C Duncan	5 60
	H E Morrell	300 00
Apr 15	" "	200 00
	Farmington News	56 30
	Edson C Eastman	16 53
20	W E Rhines	15 20
27	H E Morrell	500 00
May 7	R B Yeaton	1 75
11	C H Davis	200 00
	H E Morrell	300 00
27	" "	300 00
30	O E Davis	50 00
June 11	D E Clough	13 68
15	" "	30 00
	Ralph R Russell	6 00
	H A Garland	8 10
20	C H Davis	200 00
22	Harry Gaskill	3 63
July 3	Walter Goodwin	12 00
6	Annie E Wheeler	12 50
29	Frank Kimball	3 70
Aug 3	D E Clough	12 00
19	Good Roads Machinery Co	29 09
20	C H Davis	200 00
	Gilbert & Barker Mfg Co	29 93
26	J A Mooney (trustee)	150 00
Sept 5	Selectmen	966 28
10	Annie E Wheeler	12 50

Sept 23	Selectmen	98 20
24	S B Cole, county tax . . .	929 22
25	H E Morrell	300 00
30	Selectmen	190 90
Oct 7	H E Morrell	400 00
	Selectmen	307 50
14	"	278 40
	D E Clough	30 00
Oct. 21	Selectmen	369 00
22	Fruit Fair Committee . .	100 00
26	Market Supply Co.	3 00
28	Selectmen	142 70
Nov. 1	H E Morrell	400 00
2	" "	200 00
	" "	800 00
4	J A Mooney	122 00
7	Selectmen	404 20
18	H E Morrell	200 00
23	Annie E Wheeler	12 50
26	H E Morrell	500 00
Dec 4	The J H Downing Co, . .	20 51
	Alton and Alton Bay Water Co	500 00
7	Oscar Duncan	106 90
14	H E Morrill	400 00
16	Gilbert & Barker Manf'g. Co.	60 59
	Good Roads Machinery Co .	33 88
	Wm Heighton & Sons Co .	7 75
18	S B Cole, county treasurer	929 21
19	G W Place	199 04
	"	50 16
20	Harold Dicey	6 00
21	H E Morrell	200 00

Dec 25	H L Barr	1 25
26	State tax	2,512 00
28	F W Leach	2 50
30	Edwin Kenney	8 00
1913		
Jan 2	E R Wright	1 75
2	Gilbert & Barker Manf'g. Co	30 83
8	G H Fifield	58 00
18	D E Clough	16 50
30	H E Morrell	300 00
Feb 7	D J Ellison	6 14
13	H E Morrell	400 00
	"	500 00
	Annie E Wheeler	12 50
14	C E Fifield	25 00
15	E W Ricker	50
	Fifield House	7 00
	John W Proctor	8 84
	A B Lang	5 00
	Paul E Buckley	4 90
	Harry Morrison	3 00
	W P Emerson Estate	10 19
	J Jones & Son	91 09
	C E Fifield	5 00
	D E Clough	35 00
	F W McLaughlin	10 75
	Anna M Wright (trustee)	3 45
	F M Ayer & Co	6 75
	Albert Ellis	34 00
	C H W Jones	5 00
	O E Davis	254 00
	H E Morrell	8 22

Feb 15	Union Telephone Co	20 72
	H E Morrell	350 96
	W P Emerson, Estate	1 68
	J C Young	22 32
	H P Horne	90 75
	Boston & Maine R R	1 00
	C H Davis	5 00
	C H Downing	62 13
	Jones & Lamprey	5 16
	C E Hutchins	8 31
	R C Duncan	4 00
	Phillip L Drew	89 89
	J Jones & Son	90 91
	H J Jones	100 00
	Alton & Alton Bay Water Co	299 00
	H L Barr	23 75
	W P Emerson, Estate	2 00
	Frank Estes	9 50
	Carroll Shannon	100 00
	W C Varney	22 00
	H J Jones, treasurer	879 42
	H E Morrell	950 00
	G W Place	157 25
	A D Rollins	24 00
	Oe Varney	4 00
	J A Pogue	1 00
	F L Emerson	67 99

H J Jones	50 00
C H McDuffee	207 66
H E Morrell	2 00
William P Peabody	6 00
F M Ayer	325 51
John W Proctor	226 80
A D Clough	28 50
W R Clough	37 50
O F Bennett	4 00
Ai T Gilman	24 00
Total	<u>\$21,069 82</u>
Balance in treasury	<u>\$5,246 20</u>
	\$26,316 02

HERBERT J, JONES, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

HERBERT E. MORRELL, }
W. P. PEABODY, } Auditors.

Alton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1913.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In conformity to statute requirements, the school board herewith submit the following as its twenty-fifth annual report of the public schools of the town of Alton.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of district treasurer	\$376 62
Raised by taxation for support of schools	5,155 00
“ “ repairs	100 00
“ “ text books	375 00
“ “ district officers	150 00
Literary fund	263 36
Dog money	574 26
State aid	333 34
W E Rines, fine	10 00
Tuition, Floyd Towle	25 00
Books sold	35
Insurance	950 00
Total	\$8,313 93

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid teacher's salaries	\$4,183 26
transportation	570 70
tuition	52 60
superintendent	666 65
janitor work	270 45
repairs	87 33

Paid fuel and fitting same	575 35
books and supplies	351 93
district officers	108 50
check list	26 00
miscellaneous, including \$217 50, amount held from last year for basement	333 59
Balance on hand	1,087 57
Total	\$8,313 93

Estimates for coming fiscal year

Money required for text books and supplies . .	\$ 400 00
“ flags and appurtenances . .	25 00
“ district officers	150 00
“ repairs	100 00

Estimated income from State Dec, 1913.

Literary fund	\$128 04
One-half superintendent's salary	333 34

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR D. ROLLINS,	}	School Board of Alton.
ALTA H. McDUFFEE,		
FRANK W. McLAUGHLIN		

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

HERBERT E. MORRELL,	}	Auditors.
W. P. PEABODY,		

Alton, N. H., Feb, 15, 1913.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

CASH RECEIVED

1912			
Mar. 18	Balance in treasury	\$ 376 62	
	Received of W E Rines	10 00	
	“ Floyd Towle, tuition	12 00	
	“ domestic science	1 00	
25	“ town treasurer	400 00	
Apr 6	“ “	300 00	
	“ “	200 00	
26	“ “	500 00	
May	“ “	300 00	
27	“ “	300 00	
June 10	“ “	800 00	
22	“ Floyd Towle, tuition	6 00	
Sept 24	“ town treasurer	300 00	
Oct 7	“ “	400 00	
Nov 1	“ “	400 00	
2	“ “	200 00	
18	“ “	200 00	
26	“ “	500 00	
Dec 14	“ “	400 00	
21	“ “	200 00	
1913			
Jan 20	“ “	400 00	
22	“ “	500 00	
30	“ “	300 00	
Feb 15	“ “	350 96	
	“ “	950 00	
	Floyd Towle, tuition	7 00	
	Alta H McDuffee, book	35	
Total		\$8,313 93	

CASH PAID OUT, AS PER ORDERS

1912

March 20	Paid W Allen Varney	\$ 20 00
25	Eula M Presby	30 00
	Howard A Rollins	34 65
	Edgar P Seward	24 00
	Ada B Rogers	36 00
	Irene M Boyle	40 00
	Ivan Gilman	20 00
	Mrs. B L Blaisdell	24 00
	D W MacLean	110 00
	Fannie G de Rochemont	50 00
	Leila H MacLean	40 00
	Lillian Dale Jones	1 50
April 1	Lillian Dale Jones	30 00
	Ernest Trickey	66 66
4	Clarence Rollins	7 15
	Howard A Rollins	7 80
	Forest L Nutter	8 50
	W E Sanborn	160 04
5	Leila H MacLean	40 00
	D W MacLean	110 00
	Ada B Rogers	36 00
	Irene M Boyle	40 00
	Fannie G de Rochemont	25 00
	Alice L Sanborn	54 00
	Mrs. B L Blaisdell	24 00
17	Jonathan Rollins	4 50
	Edgar P Seward	24 00
20	Eula M Presby	30 00

April	25	W Allen Varney	1 12
		George H Fifield	2 65
		Ernest Trickey	133 33
	26	Estelle Walker	39 00
		Anna S Jones	30 00
May	3	Lillian Dale Jones	48 00
		Leila H MacLean	40 00
		D W MacLean	110 00
		Ada B Rogers	36 00
		Fannie G de Rochemont	50 00
		Irene M Boyle	40 00
		Mrs. B L Blaisdell	24 00
		G F Davis	75
	5	Howard Rollins	7 80
	6	L J Cherrier	217 50
	5	Annie A Wheeler	39 63
		Ivan Gilman	30 00
	18	Eula M Presby	30 00
	23	Alice L Sanborn	54 00
	25	Edgar P Seward	24 00
		Anna S Jones	30 00
		Lillian Dale Jones	32 00
		Irene M Boyle	40 00
		Ada B Rogers	36 00
June	1	Mrs. B L Blaisdell	24 00
		Leila H MacLean	40 00
		D W MacLean	110 00
		Ivan Gilman	20 00
	7	Barnstead School District	30 50
		C W Whitehouse	8 00
		Farmington News	2 00
		J L Hammett Co.	71 77

June	7	John B Varick Co.	5 25
		Wolfeboro School Dist	22 10
		Oliver, Ditson Co.	2 55
		Silver, Burdett Co.	2 67
		Kenney Bros. & Wolkins . . .	3 14
		Leon J Boucher	12 00
		Ernest Trickey	66 66
		Fannie G de Rochemont . . .	50 00
	14	Edgar P Seward	24 00
		Fannie G de Rochemont . . .	25 00
		Ivan Gilman	10 00
		Irene M Boyle	20 00
		Ada M Rogers	18 00
		Leila H MacLean	20 00
		Alicæ L Sanborn	52 25
		Eula M Presby	30 00
	15	D W MacLean	55 00
		Anna S Jones	30 00
		Lillian Dale Jones	32 00
		Fifield House	6 00
		Hector Haddock	14 88
		Alta H McDuffee	6 93
	25	Mrs. B L Blaisdell	24 00
	15	Dover Business College . . .	1 75
		Annie A Wheeler	22 13
July	17	Phillip L Drew	4 48
Sept	7	Alta H McDuffee	12 15
		John Hanson	11 00
		Howard A Rollins	19 50
		“ “	9 75
		H L Moore	12 85
	23	David E Clough	7 80

Sep		Mrs. A Peavey	37 15
		Nellie Glidden	1 20
		H L Barr	12 25
	28	Ernest Trickey	133 33
Oct	4	Eula M Presby	32 00
		L Marion Swain	37 50
		Marion Mansfield	40 00
		C Winnifred McKee	40 00
		D W MacLean	110 00
		Leila H MacLean	40 00
		Hollie Whittemore	70 00
		Christie Nutter	30 00
		Charles Estes	24 00
		Mildred M Gilman	20 00
		Edgar P Seward	24 00
		W F Webber	5 00
		Mrs. E Roberts	10 00
Nov	1	Marion L Swain	36 00
		Marion Mansfield	40 00
		Charles Estes	24 00
		Annie A Wheeler	28 00
		Eula M Presby	32 00
		D W MacLean	110 00
		Leila H MacLean	40 00
		C Winnifred McKee	40 00
		Hollie Whittemore	70 00
		Edgar P Seward	24 00
		Mildred M Gilman	20 00
		Cassie Hayes	64 00
		Christie Nutter	30 00
		Allen Chair Co.	16 50
	11	T J Alden	7 00

Nov	14	Alta H McDuffee	5 00
		Ernest A Hurd	5 00
	26	Nettie Ingerson	120 00
		John F Hanson	13 00
		Edgar P Seward	20 00
		L Marion Swain	39 00
		Marion Mansfield	40 00
		C Winnifred McKee	40 00
		Hollie Whittemore	70 00
		Leila H MacLean	40 00
		D W MacLean	110 00
		Eula M Presby	24 00
		Christie Nutter	30 00
Dec	1	Ernest Trickey	133 34
		F H Crocker	3 80
		Herman Barr	2 35
		Herman Goldberger	7 45
		Cambridge Botanical Supply	38 09
		Howard A Rollins	16 90
		Jennie Jones	11 50
	9	Mildred Gilman	9 50
		Roland Frohock	5 60
		Charles Estes	24 00
		Cassie Hayes	64 00
	20	C Winnifred McKee	40 00
		Marion L Swain	37 50
		Leila H MacLean	40 00
		D W MacLean	110 00
		Hollie Whittemore	70 00
		Nettie Ingerson	30 00
		Mildred Gilman	4 50
		Christie Nutter	22 50

Dec	20	Edgar P Seward	15 00
		W E Rines	16 50
		David E Clough	4 00
		Eula M Presby	32 00
		Annie M Wheeler	26 50
		Marion Mansfield	40 00
1913			
Jan	3	Charles H Estes	24 00
		Jennie Jones	10 50
	14	Alta H McDuffee	5 00
		Geo. W Place	377 31
	20	Marion L Swain	37 50
		Marion Mansfield	40 00
		C Winnifred McKee	40 00
		D W MacLean	110 00
		Leila H MacLean	40 00
		Hollie Whittemore	70 00
		John F Hanson	7 00
		L E Knott Apparatus Co.	6 66
		Ginn & Co.	13 35
		The Farmington News	9 25
		J L Hammett Co.	11 31
		The Paper Store	2 64
		Silver, Burdett & Co.	31 80
		Chandler & Barber	23 77
		The Lakeside Press	5 75
		American Book Co.	24 95
		Milton Bradley Co.	38 26
		J H Downing Co.	28 30
		Walter N Morrison	1 13
		Edward E Babb & Co.	24 76
	30	Nettie Ingerson	40 00

Jan	30	Eula M Presby	32 00
	31	Roland Frohock	5 60
		Charlie Kendall	3 00
Feb	1	Grace Norman	2 00
		Charles H Estes	24 00
		Ernest Trickey	66 66
		Jennie Jones	14 00
		Paul E Buckley	5 25
		Lizzie Glidden	7 60
	14	Edgar P Seward	20 00
	15	Alta H McDuffee	9 19
		Arthur D Rollins	20 00
		Alta H McDuffee	35 00
		F W McLaughlin	20 00
		Herbert E Morrell	25 00
		E Fifield	8 50
		Arthur D Rollins	6 00
		Alta H McDuffee	10 00
		W E Sanborn	6 00
		Meville Adams	2 00
		Ethel Morrell	2 00
		Fifield House	3 75
		Addie F Morse	45 00
		Joseph Mooney	20 00
		Ernest Trickey	66 67
		Albert D Lougee	1 25
Total			\$7,226 36
		Balance in the treasury	\$1,087 57
Total			\$8,313 93

HERBERT E. MORRELL, treasurer.

I, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

W P FEABODY.

Auditor

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board and Citizens of Alton:

I herewith submit to you my sixth annual report as superintendent of your public schools.

MEMBERSHIP

The average membership of the schools decreased seven pupils from that of the year ending June, 1911. Following is the comparison in detail:

	1910-11	1911-12	Increase	Decrease
Village Building	130	124		6
Bay	20	17		3
Mountain	10	8		2
McDuffee	10	9		1
East Alton		6 × 2	2	
Gilman's Corner		9 × 3	3	

× On the basis of a year.

The per cent of attendance fell from 93 to 92 per cent. The total tardiness increased over 72 per cent, or an average of 1.68 cases per pupil, due mainly to the excessive tardiness at the Bay and Mountain and in a less degree at the grammar and McDuffee schools. The number of pupils neither absent nor tardy fell from fourteen to eleven. The above record is decidedly unsatisfactory. It may safely be at-

tributed in a large measure to the carelessness of a few parents who cannot be made to see the value of regularity or punctuality in school attendance, and to the slovenly habits into which some of Alton's young people are rapidly falling, under a misguided or an entire lack of home control.

STATE AID

Because of last year's increase in equalized valuation, together with the decrease in daily school attendance, Alton's valuation per pupil exceeded the \$7,000 limit. Under the law of 1911 no town whose valuation per pupil of average attendance is over \$7,000 is entitled to state aid. Consequently no aid was received from the state this year; had the above condition been met, \$375 would have been added to the year's school revenue. This amount was expected and depended upon in making up the estimates, but its receipt could not be definitely determined until the close of the school year. When the records were finally computed, it was found that the daily attendance had been too low to offset the rise in valuation. It is safe to say however, that if every child had been in school every day school was in session, except for valid excuse, the money would have been received in spite of the increase in valuation. **THE POOR ATTENDANCE OF A FEW PUPILS COST THE TOWN \$375 LAST YEAR.**

To be entitled to this aid next year two conditions must be met: A daily attendance of at least 159 pupils must be maintained throughout the current year, and at least \$5,009 must be raised for all school purposes, or at least \$2,655 above that required by law. In case both conditions are met approximately \$435 will be received next December.

FIRE

On the morning of Monday, January 27, fire was discovered in the boiler room of the village building. Damage

to the amount of \$950 was done mainly by smoke and water. Fortunately the fire was discovered in the morning before the pupils arrived at the building, thus avoiding undue excitement among the children and unnecessary alarm among the parents. Little apprehension need be felt in case of such an emergency on account of the excellent control exercised by principal and teachers and the rapidity with which the buildings may be cleared at the accepted signal. Yet there is always danger in a wooden building and the above occurrence is bound to result in renewed vigilance and extra precaution.

REPAIRS

None save the usual minor repairs have been made this year. Water tanks have been placed at the Bay and in each of the rural buildings and the common drinking cup prohibited; this was required by the state law of 1911. Two bubbling fountains should be placed in the village building. In addition to other repairs, the building at Gilman's Corner should be painted inside and outside and the yard drained if it is to be used for a permanent school. A flag pole is also needed. I would again call attention to the condition of the toilets at all the rural buildings.

REORGANIZATION

At the opening of the fall term, steps were taken to abolish the ninth grade. As I pointed out last year, the work of the elementary schools can be successfully conducted in eight years by proper organization and economy of time. The state course of study is on an eight grade basis, and the ninth grade is rapidly passing from school organization. This change is being brought about in Alton by reclassification in the grammar room; the work of the old seventh and eighth grades has been in part united and made the same; the old ninth grade

becomes the eighth. Towards the close of the present school year, a further reclassification will be made, based upon each pupil's actual accomplishment, his age, and his capacity; this classification will determine the promotions at the end of the year. As the work of the present first six grades has always been on an eight grade basis, no further change will be required to effect a complete reorganization from a nine to an eight-grade system.

GILMAN'S CORNER

The school at East Alton continued through the winter term of 1912 and was closed. The one at Gilman's Corner was opened at the beginning of the spring term to take its place. It will be continued as long as the number in attendance will warrant. The school opened with nine pupils; eight are now enrolled.

HIGH SCHOOL

The work of the high school continues to be of a high order. The courses have been changed to include an agricultural department as recommended in my last report, and an additional instructor secured. Of the work and needs in this department I shall speak later. Six students graduated in June; eight entered in full standing in September, four in part standing. Following is this year's membership:

Entered in September 1912	12	7	4	5	28
Failed to pass previous year	6	0	0	0	6
Total membership	18	7	4	5	34
Left school	1	0	0	0	1
Membership February	17	7	4	5	33

I would here mention again the regulation of the school which cannot permit a student with two or more deficiencies in his year's work to be "promoted" to the next succeeding

class. He is under no obligation to repeat any subject completed with a passable rating, but he is obliged to repeat a subject in which he has failed, or to substitute some other, if an elective is offered, in order to be classed in full standing. Students not mentally or physically capable of pursuing full work are permitted to take part work and are held responsible therefor according to their individual limitations, but the school cannot give credit for POOR WORK whether due to limited capacity or lack of application.

AGRICULTURAL

The course in agriculture started in September is well under way and promises to be one of the most important departments Alton schools have undertaken. The work is in charge of a graduate of the agricultural department of the New Hampshire State College. Teacher and class have entered heartily into the work. A plot of land immediately across the street, west of the building, has been loaned by the owner for purposes of soil study and cultivation. There hot beds were built in the fall for use in the spring, constructed entirely by the class. The first year's work is confined to soil study, fertilizers, planting, crops and their cultivation. No text books are used. Farm periodicals as Country Gentleman, New England Homestead, Farm Journal, American Cultivator, etc., are on the reading table, regularly subscribed for; also the documents from the Department of Agriculture at Washington and bulletins from the State College at Durham. No report in detail can now be given. Another year will begin to show results.

Some simple apparatus will be needed this spring, as: milk tester, garden tools, seeds, fertilizer, etc., also several good books of reference. Heretofore a sum has been set

aside each year from the regular supply account for some permanent addition to the science laboratory. The equipment is now quite complete. I would recommend therefore, that this sum be now appropriated for the agricultural department, thus no added expense need fall upon the district for its maintenance. One extension should be erected this year if possible, namely, a small greenhouse at the rear of the building. Aside from the necessary iron work and piping the work of construction can be done entirely by the boys. Such a building need not be expensive and would permit of much more extensive work throughout the year than is possible without it. I would urge that provision be made for its erection, that it may be completed and ready for use in the fall.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

For two years, instruction in sewing has been given to all girls of grammar grade. The results in interest and effective work have been excellent, the expense hardly perceptible. The aim of the department is to give to the girls opportunity to exercise their constructive faculty in ways most natural and useful to them. The work offers to girls advantages equal to those of the boys in their manual training department. Following is the course in outline: -

GRADE VII (1-2 hour a week)

Use of thimble and knotting of thread. Ability to tell warp, woof, cotton, wool, etc. Uneven basting, running stitch, back stitch, plain hemming, overcasting, gathering, putting on bands, felling, sewing over, outline stitch, darning and simple patching.

Dust cloth,	Sewing bag,
Plain towel,	Handkerchief bag,
Holder,	Needle case,
Plain apron,	Darning stockings,
Hemmed handkerchief,	Articles to be chosen.

GRADE VIII (1-2 hour a week)

Review principles of previous year. Button hole, tear darning, eyelets, hemstitch, several fancy stitches. Cutting from pattern and to measurements.

Linen towel	Sheets and pillow cases
Collar holder	Articles of underclothing
Apron	Shirt waist
Hemstitched handkerchief	Towel with initial
Woolen tear darned	Articles to be chosen

I want here to speak briefly of another department of the subject no less valuable as a means of training and in its later practical application in the home. I refer to cooking and household practice. No technical work is contemplated, merely a knowledge of simple foods and their preparation and serving, together with instruction in sanitation, cleanliness, and good taste in household arrangement and care. The results of such training are evident. In connection excellent opportunity is offered for furnishing suitable accommodations for the large number of children who bring their dinner, and for providing something warm at cost to add to the usual cold lunch. It is interesting to observe with what eagerness and satisfaction such provision is welcomed by both children and parents who live such a distance from school that the warm home dinner is impossible.

Provisions for both course in cooking and noon lunch could very easily be made at the village building. The main expense, that of initial equipment, would be less than that of a single series of text books. The work would first be offered to the girls of the grammar grades, later, as financial conditions permitted, it would extend to the high school, forming a course for the girls parallel in value and opportunity with the agricultural course of the boys.

Following is a suggested course in brief in successful operation in several schools in the vicinity; it covers approximately a half year's work.

Care of stove, sink and utensils. Arrangement of cupboard.

Purchasing and cost of ordinary supplies.

Keeping simple household accounts.

BREAKFAST

Cooking

Cereals

Oatmeal

Rice

Cream of Wheat

Fruit

Baked Apples

Apple Sauce

Prunes

Cranberry Sauce

Bread

Dry Toast

Graham and Corn Meal Muffins

Griddle Cakes

Eggs

Boiled

Fried

Dropped

Potatoes

Boiled

Mashed

Baked

Cocoa and Coffee

Planning simple breakfast cost limited.

Cooking and serving the same.

Care of dining room and setting table.

Laundry work.

Study of well arranged and tastefully furnished rooms.

Furnishing of kitchen, living room, dining room

and sleeping room. Simple decoration.

IN CONCLUSION

Estimates of needed appropriations for the ensuing year may be found in the financial report of the school board.

In conclusion let me extend to school board and teachers my sincere appreciation for their hearty cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

H L MOORE, Superintendent

Alton, N. H., February 19, 1913.

Attendance Table for the Year 1911-1912

School		Whole Number of Pupils Registered			Average Membership	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Percent of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Average Tardiness Per Pupil	Not Absent or Tardy
		Boys	Girls	Total							
High		9	23	32	29	24	1	96	34	1 17	4
Grammar		25	12	37	35	33	2	93	166	4 74	3
Intermediate		17	15	32	27	25	2	91	58	2 14	1
Primary		26	15	41	33	30	3	92	37	1 12	3
Bay		9	15	24	17	16	1	91	175	10 29	0
Mountain		5	5	10	8	7	1	84	134	16 75	0
McDuffee		8	5	13	9	8	1	88	39	4 33	0
East Alton*		5	1	6	6	5	1	91	0	0 00	0
Gilman's Corner†		7	2	9	9	8	1	93	13	1 44	0
Total	1912	111	93	204	164	151	13	92	656	4 00	11
"	1911	97	101	198	171	158	13	93	398	2 32	14
Increase		14		6			0		258	1 68	
Decrease			8		7	7	1				3
*Winter term only		†Spring term only									

Teachers for the School Year, 1912-1913

School	Grades	Name	Education	Salary
High	IX-XII	Dani'l W MacLean Prin		
		Math and History	University of Maine†	\$1100
		Hollie L Whitmore		
		Agri., Sci. Man'g Tra'ing	N H State College†	700
		C Winnifred McKeen		
Grammar	VII-VIII	Eng. Latin & French	Bates College	400
		Marion Mansfield		
			Boston University†	400
Intermediate	IV-VI	Marion Swain*	Plymouth Normal†	375
Primary	I-III	Leila H MacLean*	Normal Course	400
Bay	I-IV	also sewing		
		Hettie M Ingersoll*	Plymouth Normal†	360
Mountain	I-VIII	Christie M Nutter	Alton High School†	270
McDuffee	I-VIII	Eula M Presby*	Plymouth Normal†	288
Gilman's Cor.	I-VIII	Cassandea Hayes	Brewster†	288
Music		Annie A Wheeler		

*Certified Teachers

†Graduates of

ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the year 1911-12

HIGH SCHOOL

Albert Adams, (6 successive years)	Faith Place
Wallace Adams, (3 " ")	Hazel Place

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Ella Adams (3 successive years)	Edith Gray
Lillian Green, (3 successive years)	

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Eddie Smith

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gordan Kimball	Russell Miller
Evelyn Green, (2 successive)	

LIBRARY REPORT.

Dr.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1912	\$55 55	
Aug. 25 cash received from treasurer	150 00	
Nov. 4 " " "	122 00	
Dec. 22 " " librarian, Miss		
Wheeler	6 00	
Feb. 15, 1913, cash received from treasurer		
bal. of interest on Palmer fund	3 45	
Total		\$337 00

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May 5 Paid Grumiaux News and and Sub Co.	\$21 20
June 6 cleaning library	1 80
24 Geo G Neal, rebinding books	20 25
freight and drayage	50
25 " "	60
History of Titanic	1 00
Sept 14 Chas. E Lauriat Co	109 43
" "	2 20
13 Globe Wernecke Co.	20 25
D E Clough, work and lumber	
for shelves	18 30
Carl Magnas, history	6 25
freight	73
Nov 22 Frank Jenkins, labor, supplies etc.	39 70
" board and transportation	19 50
Printing, cutting 3000 book slips	
and pockets	6 25
Library Bureau	22 50
E H Thomas, printing	6 00
Mrs Pearl Gilman, labor	11 55

Nov 22	Mrs E R Wright, labor	5 85
	Miss Annie Wheeler, labor	8 85
	Mrs E R Wright, work on ap'nd'x	5 00
Feb 12	Farmington News, printing cards	3 50
Feb 15, 1913,	cash on hand	5 79
Total		\$ 337 00
	Number books in library	3,438
	Number of books loaned for year	5,372
Respectfully submitted,		
ANNIE M WRIGHT,		
JOSEPH A MOONEY,		
OLIVER O J GILMAN.		

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

HERBERT E MORRELL, }
W. P. PEABODY, } Auditors.

Alton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1913.

During the past year work of recataloguing the library was undertaken. The supply of original catalogues and supplements had been exhausted and it became necessary to either make a new catalogue or revise the old one. Upon investigation it was found that the old one was inadequate to meet present needs. Many of the old books, for various reasons, were not on the shelves either worn out or lost or not considered worth reading. The classification was not complete and many books were necessarily wrongly classified.

The trustees and librarian spent considerable time in studying different systems of cataloguing and after due consideration and with the advice of the state librarian and the Library Bureau, concluded to install the Dewey Decimal

Card system which is used universally by all colleges, all large libraries in all cities, and when once installed serves for all time.

The true measure of a library's efficiency is not the number of books on its shelf list, but the ease with which it may be used by the student and the number of general readers to whom it affords pleasure and profit. Hence, Mr. Jenkins of Pittsfield, an experienced man in library work, was employed and, with the assistance of Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Pearl Gilman and Mrs. E. R. Wright, finished about one-half of the books, and with the further assistance of school children labels and pockets were placed in 1000 additional books and are ready for cards.

This system, when finished, brings the library up to date and makes it possible for any one needing reference work to find without any difficulty any material which may be in the library.

The librarian is anxious to assist anyone in learning the use of the case and will consider it a privilege to help you in any way. It is earnestly hoped that the work may be completed this year.

If you have a good book to spare donate it to the library; it will be of service to some one. The following books were donated during the year: "Sparks", by Rev. L. M. Zimmerman D D; "The Stock Exchange from Within" by Wm P Van Antwerp; "Yodoyma", by William Adams; "Cupid Intelligent", Julia A. Balback; one year's subscription to "Bird Love," one year's subscription to "Geographical Magazine", by Mrs. Wm Levy, Brookline, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. WRIGHT	} Library
JOSEPH A. MOONEY	
OLIVER J. M. GILMAN	



